(c) if so, whether the Ministry of Defence has amended the AFHQ Civil Service Rules 1968 incroporating DOP&T directives in respect of JS (Trg.) and CAO; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The guidelines on framing/amendment/relaxation of Recruitment Rules issued by the Government inter alia provide that seniors, who had completed the probation period, were to be considered, where the juniors, who had completed the requisite service, were being considered for promotion. The guidelines were subsequenetly amended to the effect that the seniors would be considered provided they were not short of the requisite qualifying/eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying/eligibility service or two years, whichever was less and had successfully completed their probation period.

(c) and (d) Instructions of the Department of Personnel and Training have been incorporated in the revised draft AFHQ Civil Service Rules, which are presently under consideration of the Union Public Service Commission.

Reservation in promotion for physically handicapped

3366. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reservation policy in promotions only limited to group-C post for physically handicapped employee;

(b) if so, what are the names of such posts;

(c) whether some of the posts are identified in group B also for such reservation policy in promotion; and

(d) if so, the names of such posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Reservation for persons with disabilities is provided in promotions in the posts and services

under the Central Government within Group 'D', from Group 'D' to Group 'C' and within Group 'C' post identified as suitable for being held for such categories. A list of about 1100 Group 'C' and 'D' posts identified by the Expert Committee set up for this purpose was circulated to all the Ministeries/Departments etc. in February, 1986. This list was by no means exhaustive and the Ministries/ Departments etc. were free to further supplement the same.

(c) and (d) No reservation in promotion is available in Group 'B' posts.

Increase in the upper age limit of Civil Service Examinations

3367. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to increase the upper age limit for Civil Service examinations from 28 years to 32 years is under consideration of Government, especially in view of the fact that superannuation age for Government employees has been increased form 58 years to 60 years and also keeping in view the fact that such increase will provide a greater opportunities to the candidates from rural areas to avail themselves of this facility;

(b) if so, the date from which this will be made applicable; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The upper age limit for the Civil Services Examinations from 1999 has already been raised from 28 to 30 years (except for CISF) for general category candidates (with further relaxation of 3 years and 5 years for 'other backward classes' and 'scheduled castes/scheduled tribes' candidates respectively). There is no proposal to further increase the upper age limit of Civil Service Examinations.

Departmental Promotion Committee

3368. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of norms that govern holding of Departmental Promotion Committees meeting to decide the promotions and grant of senior and selection scales to Central Government employees and those of Government Instrumentalities as on date?